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SUBJ: EXCHANGES - TRAVEL OF 1974-75 ROMANIAN GRANTEES

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1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, WE ARE EXPERIENCING CONTINUING DELAYS IN SUBMISSIONS OF VISA APPLICATIONS FOR 1974-75 ROMANIAN GRANTEES. SUBJECT WAS RAISED ONCE AGAIN WITH DEPFONMIN GLIGA ON SEPT 9 DURING CALL BY USIA DEPUTY ASSISTANT AREA DIRECTOR GIFFORD MALONE, THE AMBASSADOR, AND PAO. GLIGA EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR PROBLEMS CAUSED AND REITERATED ASSURANCES THAT DELAYS ARE OF A "TECHNICAL NATURE" AND ATTRIBUTABLE IN GOOD PART TO LONG ILLNESS AND THEN PASSING AWAY OF ALEXE POPESCU IN MINED. GLIGA STATED THAT APPOINTMENT OF NEW DEPMINED BOGDAN TO TAKE CARE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN MINED WILL HELP CORRECT MATTERS. ONCE AGAIN, GLIGA STRESSED HOPE THAT DELAYS WOULD NOT AFFECT CONTINUING GROWTH OF PROGRAM AND ASKED THAT WE NOT "MISINTERPRET" DELAYS AS HAVING ANY BROADER MEANING.

2. ON WAY OUT OF MFA AFTER CALL, MFA COUNSELOR IULIU DOBRIU (WHO WAS AS CUSTOMARY PRESENT DURING CALL ON GLIGA) TOLD US THAT MFA WAS MAKING A MAJOR "PEST" OF ITSELF BY CONSTANTLY PRESSING MINED. WE CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT BASIC CAUSE PROBABLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIES OUTSIDE BOTH MFA AND MINED IN NEW AND STRICTER EXIT VISA

PROVISIONS. WE NOTE HOWEVER, THAT SOME IREX GRANTEES HAVE
APPLIED FOR THEIR VISAS, INDICATING MOVEMENT WITH REGARD TO
THAT PROGRAM, HOWEVER, 31 FULBRIGHT GRANTEES STILL HAVE
NOT APPLIED FOR THIER VISAS.
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